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Dear Craig Jalbert;

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's (MassDEP) Drinking Water Program is pleased to extend its congratulations to the Monson Water and Sewer Department for its outstanding performance in 2014 as a public water system. Your system was chosen for Regional Recognition at the 2015 Public Water System Awards Program.

MassDEP realizes that it is no easy task to keep up with the ever-evolving federal and state drinking water regulations. While most systems strive just to comply with the regulations, your system has put forth an extra effort for many years.

MassDEP encourages you to continue this level of excellence in carrying out your work of protecting and supplying safe and fit water to our citizens. If you have any questions regarding the Awards Program, please contact Marie Tennant at 617-292-5885 or at Marie.Tennant@state.ma.us.

Congratulations,

Yvette DePeiza, Program Director
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Attachment

Monson Water and Sewer Department

Craig Jalbert Primary Distribution Operator, Thomas Murphy Primary Treatment Operator

Monson has been for years a well run system. Mr. Jalbert, in particular, is dedicated, even taking calls about the system from his hospital bed after an injury. Recent survey (2014) requirements have been met, except the updated distribution map and up-to-date Asset Management Plan which are in the works for later in 2015. The PWS staff has taken preventive and protective measures, kept informed of current and new requirements, taken action to update and to maintain infrastructure. Examples of preventive/protective actions and well organized maintenance include: removing obsolete surge valves, eliminating undersized transmission pipes and dead ends, conducting unidirectional flushing every two years, installing connections for and use of a portable generator for power outages and otherwise preparing for emergencies, rehabilitating and repainting of storage tank and use of a mixing system to improve water quality, maintaining a capital improvement plan and capital reserve account. It is MassDEP's experience that the operators give prompt attention to all issues.